THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Anti-riot guns, rubber bullets; water cannon, shock batons, anti-riot vehicles, etc. have already been introduced in the CPMFs and State/UT police forces for controlling riot situation.

Enquiry conducted by National Commission for women

133. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission for Women (NCW) and a Committee of Members of Parliament have made an on-the-spot enquiry in respect of alleged molestation, stripping as well as rape of Uttarakhand women by police personnel at Muzaffarnagar on October 2, 1994,

(b) if so, what are the facts and details of enquiry conducted by the NCW and MPs committee;

(c) whether NCW has submitted its report to Government, if so; what are the details thereof; and

(d) what action Government have take or propose to take against the persons found guilty fr such heinous crimes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) to (d) The National Commission for Women and an All-Party Parliamentary Fact Finding Team visited Muzaffarnagar to enquire into the facts and ascertain the veracity of allegation of excess committed by the police on the women folk. The National Commission for Women has since submitted a detailed report on November 16, 1994 after an extensive tour of the Uttrakhand area. The Commission in its report has found the allegations of molestation/rape etc. true, though the names and numbers have not been specified. The Commission has recommended certain policy and administrative measures to prevent such occurences.

The All-Party Fact Finding Team of Member of Parliament in its report have stated that there was lack of sufficient evidence to indicate the gang rape by the police but the isolated cases of rape or molestation could not be ruled out.

As per directions of the High Court of Allahabad in its order passed on 7-10-94 in the Civil Misc. Writ Petition No. 32982 of 1994—Uttrakhand Sangarsh Samiti Vs. the State Government of U P., the CBI has undertaken an investigation of the incidents which had occurred in regions of Garhwal and Kumaun and other parts of U P. The C.B.I. has since filed a report in the matter on 5-12-94 in the Hon'ble High Court of Allahabad.

In accordance with the provisions laid down in the Constitution, 'Police' and 'Public order' are State subjects. It is therefore, for the State Government to take action against the guilty police officials.

Violence against Women

134. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reports published in the Indian Express and Hindustan Times of September 27, 1994 and October 3, 1994 titled: 'Is rape a 'minor' issue? Ask the 12 months old infant' and Make Dowry laws work", respectively;

(b) if so, what is the number of cases of violence against women in the country (State-wise and Union territory-wise) which took place during each of the years 1991, 1992, 1993 and so far in 1994 relating to rape, molestation, kidnapping and abduction, eve teasing, unnatural offences, cruelty, dowry deaths and blackmailing of innocent girls by taking their nude photographs for exploitation purposes;